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CALGARY FOR PA FIELD REP; CALGARY PLEASE PASS TO WINNIPEG

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SUBJECT: FY 2006 IVLP MRP on U.S. Foreign Policy and  
Counterterrorism - March 2-23, 2006 - Canadian nominee  
Baraladei Daniel Igali (Alternate Candidate)

REFERENCE: OTTAWA 1504

1. Post nominates Baraladei Daniel Igali, President, Igali  
Foundation Inc., Vancouver, for subject project, pending  
availability of funds. (Mr. Igali is currently a high  
alternate for Canada funding). EVDB-formatted nomination  
follows.

2. START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):  
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ECA-OFFICE: E/VRW  
PROG-AGENCY-NAME:  
POST-PROJ-ID: 362  
ECA-PROJ-NO:  
PROJ-NAME: Igali, Baraladei Daniel - MRP US Foreign Policy  
and Counterterrorism  
START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Multi-Regional  
PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor  
FY: 2006  
DEPART-POST: 3/1/2006  
SESSION-DATE: 3/2/2006  
RETURN-POST: 3/24/2006  
NO-OF-PART: 1  
RANK-ORDER: 30  
START MEMO POST-OBJ:

Daniel Igali is a high profile, first-time candidate for the  
British Columbia Legislative Assembly with the potential for  
greatness in the B.C. Liberal Party. Nominated by his party  
to replace the incumbent in the Liberal-held Surrey-Newton  
Electoral District, he is a strong contender to retain the  
electoral district for the Liberals in the May 2005  
provincial elections. Daniel is young, popular, and  
energetic. He also shows a strong interest in international  
affairs and counter terrorism. In short, he is exactly the  
type of talent we look for in identifying future Canadian  
leaders for the IVL Program.

Daniel Igali is internationally known as the Canadian  
wrestler who, in the 2000 Sydney Olympics, won gold, knelt  
down and kissed the Canadian flag. Since then, he has been  
repeatedly interviewed by the media including all major  
Canadian newspapers, CBC: Life and Times, Sportsnet and  
Reader's Digest. Attracted by his "star appeal," the  
provincial BC Liberals recruited him to run in the May 2005  
elections.

Daniel came to Canada as a refugee from poverty-stricken  
Eniwari, Nigeria, to pursue an education and a career in  
sports. He is currently completing a Masters Degree in  
criminology and shows particular interest in counter  
terrorism efforts and international politics. During his  
high achieving wrestling career, he became the 1994 African  
Champion, the first male Canadian world wrestling champion  
and a gold medallist in the 2000 Athens Olympics.  
As a young person with star appeal and great potential, we  
feel he will benefit tremendously from the IVL Program.  
Daniel is very committed to improving the lives of others  
through advocacy and community work. The Igali Foundation  
Inc is a not-for-profit foundation that aids underprivileged  
children worldwide. Locally, he devotes much of his time on  
the "Keep Sweating Tour", where he speaks to children and  
corporations on the benefits of healthy living and proper

conduct. He also successfully funded and lobbied for the construction of a new school and community center in his hometown in Nigeria. Daniel has expressed a strong interest in participating in the IVL Program to learn more about U.S. efforts to incorporate counter terrorism into its overall foreign policy. The insight he would gain from this program would be invaluable as Daniel moves into an influential position in the B.C. Legislature Assembly. We are excited about the rare opportunity to nominate someone certain to become an important player in B.C. politics to participate in the IVL Program.

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

START MEMO POST-RCMD:

With to Mr. Igali's background in criminology and his interest in counter-terrorism efforts, we recommend him to participate in a multiregional program on counter-terrorism. Through such a program, he will be able to learn firsthand how the US is combatting terrorism domestically and internationally at the local, state and federal levels. Please note that Mr. Igali goes by the name "Daniel Igali."

END MEMO POST-RCMD:

ECA-OFFICE-ID: 1037

PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: MRP

PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 88501

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID: 322158

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: P

SUBJ-DISC: Terrorism

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Baraladei

M-NAME: Daniel

L-NAME: Igali

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 300

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

GENDER: M

DOB: 02/03/1974

MAR-STAT: S

BIRTH-CITY: Eniwari

BIRTH-CNTRY: Nigeria

CITIZ-CNTRY: Canada

RES-CNTRY: Canada

START MEMO POSITION:

President - Igali Foundation

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

Competitive amateur wrestler

Motivational speaker - Keep Sweating Tour

Advisory Board - Ryan's Well Foundation

Athlete Ambassador - Right to Play

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

Olympic Wrestler - Canada 2000 Olympics Games (Gold)

Athlete Council - Canadian Olympic Committee

Athlete Ambassador - Toronto 2008 Summer Olympic Committee

Bord of Directors - Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Bid

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

All trips are for wrestling competitions

1996 - New York City - 3 days

1997 - Arizona - 3 days

1998 - Spokane, Washington - 1 day

1998 - Arizona - 3 days

1998 - Las Vegas - 3 days

1998 - Washington and Idaho - 2 weeks

1999 - New York City - 3 days

1999 - Spokane, Washington - 2 days

2001 - Arizona - 3 days

2002 - Colorado - 3 days

2003 - New York City - 5 days

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

Nigeria - 3 week annual trips since 1998

2000 - Sydney, Australia

2004 - Athens, Greece

International travel in 1998 mainly for wrestling competitions in South Africa, Egypt, Cameroon, Ghana, Bulgaria, Iran, Germany, Slovakia, England, Australia, Greece, Korea, France, Russia

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:

2001 - Bachelor of Arts - Criminology

Completing Masters in Criminology

END MEMO EDUCATION:

START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

none

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

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Daniel came to Canada as a refugee from poverty-stricken Eniwari, Nigeria, to pursue an education and a career in sports. He is currently completing a Masters Degree in criminology and shows particular interest in counter terrorism efforts and international politics. During his high achieving wrestling career, he became the 1994 African Champion, the first male Canadian world wrestling champion and a gold medalist in the 2000 Athens Olympics. Daniel is very committed to improving the lives of others through advocacy and community work. The Igali Foundation Inc is a not-for-profit foundation that aids underprivileged children worldwide. Locally, he devotes much of his time on the "Keep Sweating Tour", where he speaks to children and corporations on the benefits of healthy living and proper conduct. He also successfully funded and lobbied for the construction of a new school and community center in his hometown in Nigeria.

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NOMINATING-OFFICER: PAO Ian Hillman

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

Daniel Igali is a high profile, politically involved criminologist with demonstrated leadership ability and potential for increased influence in British Columbia's Liberal Party. Nominated by his party to replace the incumbent in the Liberal-held Surrey-Newton Electoral District, he was a strong contender to retain the electoral district for the Liberals in the May 2005 provincial legislative assembly elections. Daniel is young, popular, and energetic. He also shows a strong interest in international affairs and counter terrorism. In short, he is exactly the type of talent we look for in identifying future Canadian leaders for the IVL Program.

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END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: ConGen Vancouver

SPEAKER?: No

NOTIFY-EMB: No

MEDIA?: No

HOME-STAY: No

HOME-HOSP?: Yes

E-I-TYPE: ELEO

NOMINEE-ID: 535

PERSON-ID: 414

BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: NI

CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: CA

RES-CNTRY-ID: CA

FIRST-LANG-ID: EN

E-I-TYPE-ID: E

NOM-POST-ID: 88501

NOM-FUNDING-CNTRY-ID: 322158

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US-AGENCY-AMT2: 0

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COMMISSION: 0

OTHER-AMOUNT: 0

VIS-AMOUNT: 0

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